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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Charles  
4 Edward Rice of Mishawka, Indiana, who passed away on February  
5 25, 2015; and

6           WHEREAS, Charles Rice was born in Manhattan, New York on  
7 August 7, 1931; he received his bachelor's degree from the  
8 College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, his law  
9 degree from Boston College Law School, and a master's and  
10 doctoral degree in law from New York University; and

11           WHEREAS, Charles Rice practiced law in New York City and  
12 taught at New York University Law School and Fordham Law School  
13 before joining the faculty at the University of Notre Dame Law  
14 School in 1969, where he educated generations of attorneys from  
15 Illinois and across the nation; in 2000, he earned Professor  
16 Emeritus status; he continued to teach courses in retirement  
17 until December of 2014; he was a prominent speaker and author  
18 of 13 books on constitutional law, pro-life issues, and  
19 Catholic identity at Notre Dame; he often appeared on the  
20 Eternal Word Television Network and was the host of the 13-part  
21 series "The Good Code: The Natural Law"; he helped coach the  
22 Notre Dame boxing club for 30 years and was a referee and  
23 advisor for the university's annual Bengal Bouts boxing

1 tournament, which raised funds for Holy Cross Missions in  
2 Bangladesh; and

3 WHEREAS, Charles Rice was a member of the Education Appeal  
4 Board of the United States Department of Education from 1981 to  
5 1993; he was a consultant to the United States Commission on  
6 Civil Rights and to various Congressional committees on  
7 constitutional issues; he was a member of the governing boards  
8 of Franciscan University of Steubenville and the Eternal Word  
9 Television Network and served as chairman of the Center for Law  
10 and Justice International in New Hope, Kentucky; he also served  
11 as an editor of the American Journal of Jurisprudence; and

12 WHEREAS, Charles Rice served as state Vice-Chairman of New  
13 York state's Conservative Party from 1962 to 1969; he also  
14 served in the Marine Corps and was a Lieutenant Colonel in the  
15 United States Marine Corps Reserve (Retired); and

16 WHEREAS, Charles Rice and his wife had 10 children together  
17 and adopted a son, born in Vietnam; they have 41 grandchildren;  
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
20 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
21 mourn the passing of Charles Edward Rice, and extend our  
22 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew

1 and loved him; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
3 presented to the family of Charles Rice as an expression of our  
4 deepest sympathy.